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Briefs

Armed Forces Parade, May 15

The public is invited to the 3rd annual All-American Armed Forces parade will be held Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m. The parade begins at Avenue E and McCullough St. travels past Alamo Plaza and through downtown San Antonio.

Special FSH ISD Board Meeting, May 17

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet on May 17, 11 a.m. in the FSH ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Rd.

'Salute to Military Families,' May 18

A "Salute to Military Families" sponsored by Force 3, Inc. and Marconi Federal will be held on May 18 at the S.A. Missions baseball game. Tickets are available through the unit's sergeants major, the Library, the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, and School Age Services. For information, call 221-2307 or 221-2926.

MEDCOM NCO and SOY Recognition Banquet, May 20

U.S. Army Medical Command's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year recognition banquet will be held May 20, 6 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston NCO Club. Cost is \$23 per person and tickets may be obtained through unit sergeants major.

Post Garage Sale, May 22

A Post Grage Sale will be held Saturday, May 22, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MacArthur Pavilion parking lot located on the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Roads. Non-DoD patrons are advised to use the Walters Gate.

BAMC NCO Induction Ceremony, May 26

Brooke Army Medical enter will induct new Non-commissioned officer May 26 in the BAMC Auditorium beginning at 3 p.m.

Safety Day Ceremony, May 26

A Safety Day ceremony will be held May 26, 10 a.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2729 on Stanley Road. Commanders, directors and Collateral Duty Safety Officers are encouraged to attend.

Memorial Day Ceremony, May 31

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held May 31, 9 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Harry Wurzbach Road. The keynote speaker will be Judge John W. Primono, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Texas.

FSH Commissary closed May 31

The Fort Sam Houston Commissary will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.



Photo by Ray Turner

Brig. Gen. Richard Ursone directs the retirement of his general office flag during a ceremony attended by family members and friends at the Combat Medic Statue. Led by Command Sgt. Maj. Sandra Townsend, Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Burke, Army Medical Department Center and School, Command Sgt. Maj. Sampson Rush, 32nd Medical Brigade, and Sgt. Maj. John Dingman, Medical Command furled and cased his flag.

Ursone retires, 13th Chief of Medical Service Corps

By Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection and 13th Chief of the Medical Service Corp, Brig. Gen. Richard L. Ursone, retired Friday at MacArthur Parade field. Hundreds of colleagues and friends joined several members of the Ursone family attending the ceremony hosted by Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, Army Surgeon General.

The commander of troops, Col. Maureen Coleman, 32nd Medical Brigade commander, conducted the ceremony.

Ceremonial elements included the 323rd Army Medical Command band, companies assigned to the 232nd Medical Battalion, 187th Medical Battalion, the Academy Battalion and the Army Medical Department Center and School color guard. Soldiers assigned to the Special Troops Battalion honors platoon presented a cannon salute to the reviewing officer.

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Rodgers, installation Drill Sergeant of the Year, and Sgt. January Myers, 187th Medical Battalion, presented bouquets of flowers to Ursone's wife, Ranae, mother, Julia, daughter, Adele and daughters-in-law Brandi and Renee.

Assisted by Medical Command Command Sgt. Maj. Sandra Townsend, Peake presented Ursone a flag of the United States flown over the post commemorating his service during 33 years of active duty. He also presented Ursone the Distinguished Service Medal and recognized Ursone's positive influence on Soldiers with whom he served and led, as well as his vision, superior leadership, and strategic perspective that shaped the future for units, personnel and organizations in which he served.

Peake presented Ranae Ursone the

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312th Medical Logistics Company deploys

By Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Mother's Day was more special to 23 Soldiers and their families assigned to the 312th Medical Logistics Company. The Soldiers, assigned to the 145th Medical Battalion located in Seagoville, Texas, boarded buses for a flight to Afghanistan following a departure ceremony at the Roadrunner Community Center.

The 312th Medical Logistics Company, Detachment 1, will be providing medical supply, optical fabrication, medical equipment maintenance blood processing, storage, and distribution and medical warehousing. Additionally, the unit will support medical supplies shipping based on established consumption rates to all Soldiers in the Afghanistan and Uzbekistan areas of operation.

Readiness and Logistics Business Center staff served coffee, punch and a large cake to family members who attended the farewell ceremony. The 323rd Army Medical Command Band entertained the families with traditional military music, concluding the ceremony with the Army Song. Chaplain (Maj.) Gail Porter delivered the invocation and benediction. Chaplain (Maj.) Phil Futoran, 470th Military Intelligence Battalion, also attended the ceremony.

Acting Garrison commander, Lt. Col. Martha

Sanders told the Soldiers their deployment will be a year full of challenges and opportunities. To the Soldiers and their families she said, "I urge you to support each other. Regardless of the distances between you."

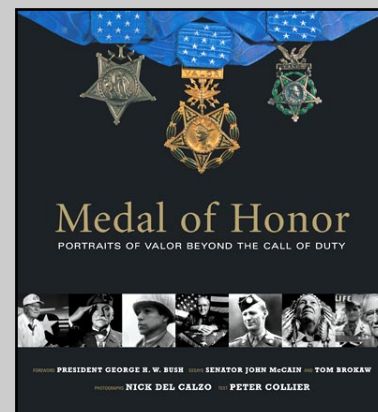
Sanders also reminded the Soldiers that while deployed they will also serve as American Soldier-ambassadors. "As Soldiers, supporting military missions in Afghanistan, you may be the only Americans the Afghan people will remember. So take with you the principles of duty and honor that brought you to serve your country as you demonstrate your abilities as Soldiers while accomplishing your missions." See photos on page 3.

Schedule of events for May 14 at FSH:

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Booksigning at the Main Exchange
- 3:30-5 p.m., Panel Discussion, Questions and Answers, Booksigning at Blesse Auditorium

Meet Medal of Honor recipients:

- Jose Lopez
- Robert O'Malley
- Clarence Sasser
- Michael Thornton



Veterans Affairs reaches out to newest combat veterans

American Forces Press Service

The Department of Veterans Affairs is expanding its efforts to reach veterans of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure they are aware of benefits they have earned.

VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi is sending a personal letter to more than 150,000 veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom who have recently separated from the military to thank them for their service and to remind them of their eligibility for VA health care and other benefits.

“I want these men and women to know that we are grateful for their service to our country,” Principi said. “Those who served in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places around the world have risked their lives to make America more secure. One of the ways the nation shows its gratitude

is by ensuring veterans receive the benefits they deserve.”

Principi’s letter includes brochures and links to the department’s Web pages that contain more details about VA benefits, including an opportunity to apply for benefits online.

As Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom veterans continue to leave the active- duty military, VA expects to mail about 10,000 letters each month. The first letters were sent May 10.

VA also regularly mails information packets to all service members separating from the military to remind them of eligibility for basic VA benefits, such as VA-guaranteed home loans and education benefits. In addition, there are provisions in these programs for reservists and National Guard members.

The additional outreach to those recently deployed to combat theaters alerts them

to special eligibility that increases their access to health care for two years after separation from the military for illnesses and injuries that may be the result of military service. For those medical problems, VA waives copayments for inpatient and outpatient care. VA focuses special attention on those with service-related disabilities, officials said. The department’s goal is a seamless transition from military to VA services, with claims for financial benefits receiving expedited processing.

For the seriously wounded, VA has counselors working at the bedsides of patients in military hospitals with the largest numbers of casualties to begin benefit applications before they leave the military. VA social service personnel work at these military facilities to plan health care coordination as service members move from military to VA care. This helps ensure

a smooth transition to a VA hospital or clinic near the veteran’s intended residence for continuity of medical care, officials said.

In partnership with state and local government benefits counselors and veterans service organization representatives, VA annually briefs about 200,000 service members around the world before discharge to help prepare them for civilian transition and VA benefits. The department operates benefits offices at 133 military installations to help service members with conditions arising during service prepare to begin receiving VA compensation promptly after discharge.

“VA has learned many lessons since the Gulf War in 1991 and other conflicts, which will ensure that this newest generation of war veterans receives the health care and assistance they deserve when they return to civilian life,” Principi said.

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Families gather, bid farewell to troops on Mother's Day



Soldiers assigned to the 312th Medical Logistics Company stand accountability formation prior to boarding buses at the Roadrunner Community Center for their flight to Afghanistan.



(Above) Spc. Amanda Sutphen enjoyed time with her uncle and aunt, Rev. C.H. and Lila McNeece, cousin Chaundra Walker and Harry and Alethea Sutphen.

(Left) A family member takes last chance for a farewell hug as Soldiers board the bus for the airfield.

(Right) Spc. Caleb Wines, wife Jean, and daughter Sarah enjoy cake, punch and coffee provided by the Readiness and Logistics Business Center staff.



Staff Sgt. Ed Foreman, Spc. Jeff Whitner and Staff Sgt. Richard Pierce, were among the 23 Soldiers of the 312th Medical Logistics Company who deployed to Afghanistan on Sunday.



Photos by Ray Turner

Commander of Troops, Col. Maureen Coleman, reports that the unit formations are prepared for inspection.

13th Chief of Medical Corps retires

Ursone

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Secretary of the Army Public Service Award for her personal involvement and commitment to a number of family oriented programs and her dedication of time and talents in support of military community organizations.

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Lt. Gen. James B. Peake presents Ranae Ursone the Secretary of the Army Award for Public Service.



Col. Maureen Coleman brings the colors forward for presentation to the reviewing officer, Lt. Gen. James B. Peake.



(Above) Lt. Gen. James B. Peake presents Brig. Gen. Richard Ursone the Distinguished Service Medal.

(Right) Drill Sgt. Shawn Rodgers presents Ranae Ursone a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Army Medical Command.



DFAS deputy visits local office

Story and photo by Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Jan D. Eakle, deputy director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service visited the San Antonio facility on McCullough Avenue on May 4.

During her visit, Eakle toured several floors of the complex including corporate resources, vendor pay, Army travel, and both Army and Air Force accounting, talking with many staff members at their workstations.

Prior to departing she met with employees in the auditorium to answer questions and provide an overview of operational strengths and weaknesses. She encouraged the staff to remember their work

every day in various departments, whether payroll, vendor pay or travel, directly impacts the welfare of service members and their families. When asked if there was something that could be done better, Eakle replied that fixing pay problems for Soldiers should be a priority, especially those problems caused by Defense Finance and Accounting Service errors.

Prior to her current assignment, she served as the vice commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah; commander of the 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. and chief of staff, U.S. Strategic Command, Ouffutt Air Force Base, Neb.



Air Force Brig. Gen. Jan Eakle visits with Staff Sgt. Lorenzo McKinley while touring Finance and Accounting Service offices.

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A poster for Armed Forces Day 2004. It features a collage of military personnel in various uniforms and settings, including a soldier in a helmet, a pilot, and a helicopter. The text "ARMED FORCES DAY 2004" is prominently displayed at the top. At the bottom, it says "A Tradition of Heroes".

A Tradition of Heroes

Armed Forces Day

“A Tradition of Heroes”

Saturday, May 15, 2004

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marines Corp and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department — the Department of Defense.

FSH offers AFTB Program Instructor Trainer Course

The AFTB Instructor Trainer Course is being offered May 19, 20, and 22. The classes are centered on presentation and facilitation skills. All sessions must be completed to volunteer with the AFTB program as an instructor. These classes are open to anyone interested in improving or developing presentation skills.

Classes will be held at the

Roadrunner Community Center on May 19 and 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m., and on May 22, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided for evening classes. Students may bring a sack dinner. Snacks and lunch will be provided on Saturday. For information and to registration, call the AFTB office 221-2705. Registration deadline is May 17.

The logo for the American Red Cross, featuring a red cross on a white background with the words "American Red Cross" below it.

Together, we can save a life.
1-800-HELP NOW | www.redcross.org

187th Medical Battalion families enjoy ‘Spring Fling’

By 1st Lt. Rachel M. Atherton
Special to the News Leader

The 187th Medical Battalion celebrated the unit’s annual Family Readiness Group



Courtesy Photo

“Spring Fling” on Saturday at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. The day was designed to bring Soldiers, spouses and family members of the unit together in a fun and relaxing environment to get acquainted and learn about the unit’s missions. The event

began with an ice cream social sponsored by Baskin Robbins. As the children and adults enjoyed various flavors of the famous ice cream, the Equestrian Center provided pony rides for the children and trail rides for the adults. The center’s staff also took family members on a long tractor hayride. All enjoyed picnic events such as football, Frisbee toss and horseshoes.



Courtesy Photo

(Above) Family members of the 187th Medical Battalion enjoyed a tractor hayride during the unit’s “Spring Fling.”

(Left) A young family members gets acquainted with one of the horses from the Equestrian Center during the 187th “Spring Fling.”

Lunch consisted of hamburgers and hotdogs, prepared on a large barbeque trailer rented from the Morale Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Equipment Center. Also the battalion’s family members provided a multitude of side dishes. Prior to beginning lunch, the battalion Commander, Lt. Col. John Collins and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Jackie McFadden, held an informal awards ceremony to recognize outstanding achievers within the unit. The awardees were: Spc. Tyrone Marshall of F Company, Soldier of the Quarter; Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Dunston of D Company, NCO of the Quarter; Drill Sgt. Jose Cruz of C Company, Drill Sergeant of the Quarter; and Capt. Christopher Flaugh of B Company, Company of the Quarter. In addition, Kandice Collins, Judy Anderson, Susanna Oakes, Rita McNiesh, Wanda Lipsey, Carolyn Wafford, Nora Rosario, and Michelle Garcia were recognized for their hard work and support of the battalion. The event concluded with a Piñata contest for the children, which proved to be the most entertaining event of the day. The children were blindfolded and had the chance to swing at two Piñatas full of candy provided by the Family Readiness Group. It took a while, but eventually the candy was spilled much to the delight of all the children. Many thanks to those who helped with food or other items for the Spring Fling and special thanks to the unit’s chairperson, Susanna Oakes and the Family Readiness Group members for planning and coordinating the event.

Four Medal of Honor recipients to visit FSH tomorrow

The Fort Sam Houston post exchange will host a book signing event for “Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty” (Artisan; \$40) by best-selling author Peter Collier and award-winning photographer Nick Del Calzo. The book is an enduring testament to the living Medal of Honor recipients, and the only book endorsed by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

Presently, there are fewer than 135 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest military honor, and that number is decreasing. To have four recipients together at one time is a rare and special event.

Jose M. Lopez was a sergeant on December 17, 1944, when his unit was in Belgium. Suddenly, German tanks and infantry appeared and threatened to roll over them. Lopez positioned himself in a shallow ground hole with his heavy machine gun. Lopez successfully cut down a group of ten German soldiers and killed twenty-five more who were trying to turn his company’s flank. Lopez was knocked down by the concussion of an enemy shell but he quickly regained hold of his machine gun and joined fellow GIs setting up a defense. He fired from this position until he had used up all of his ammunition. At the end of the day, Lopez had single-handedly killed more than one hundred Germans, kept his company from being overwhelmed, and allowed reserve troops time to build a line that would repel the German drive. At 94 years-old, Jose Lopez is the oldest living Latino recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Robert O’Malley enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from high school. He was a corporal when his battalion landed near the Vietnamese village of An Cu’ong on August 18, 1965. More than 1,200 hidden Vietcong began to mortar the Marines, immediately knocking out three tanks. When O’Malley saw that the enemy was firing from a trench line, he leapt into it and killed eight soldiers with his rifle and hand grenades. After aiding in the evacuation of several wounded Marines, he returned to the area of heaviest fighting and helped repel another assault. Acting on orders to evacuate, O’Mally was hit by mortar shrapnel in his legs, arm, and lung as he led the way to a helicopter landing zone. Despite his injuries, O’Malley lay down

suppressive fire so that his men could board the chopper first. It took more than four months for the shrapnel in his lungs to stop shifting so that O’Malley could undergo a necessary operation. O’Malley was the first living Marine from the Vietnam War to receive the Medal of Honor.

Clarence E. Sasser was trained as a medical aid-man when he was drafted in 1967. Sasser experienced heavy fire for the first time on the morning of January 10, 1968, after a fleet of helicopters landed to help a downed chopper in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam. The Soldiers quickly fled their choppers and rushed toward cover from the attacking Vietcong. Within minutes, more than thirty men were down and crying for a medic. Sasser sprung into action, slithering through the muck to get from Soldier to Soldier, working as a medic on his belly because standing upright meant certain death. While he was tending to other Soldiers, Sasser suffered wounds from flying shrapnel and was hit in both legs by machine-gun fire. Using his arms to pull himself toward another wounded Soldier, Sasser stopped to direct a group of disoriented GIs to a dike, which would protect them while they continued to fight. Faint from blood loss and agonizing pain, Sasser continued to treat the wounded until 4 a.m. the next morning when evacuation was possible.

Michael E. Thornton enlisted in the Navy shortly after graduating from high school, went through Underwater Demolition recruit training, and became a member of the elite SEALs. On October 31, 1972, a five-man SEAL patrol was ordered to gather intelligence about enemy activity. Launched in a rubber boat at dusk, the SEAL patrol beached too far north when they were spotted on shore and began to take heavy enemy fire from

more than fifty enemy soldiers. After a five-hour fire-fight, Thornton, acting on orders from Lt. Tom Norris, was heading back to the water when he learned that Norris was shot. Thornton charged back over open terrain to find two North Vietnamese soldiers standing over Norris’s body; Thornton killed them both. He lifted the officer, barely alive, onto his back and began to run back toward the water. An incoming round of U.S. naval gunfire knocked both men into the air and Thornton received a number of shrapnel wounds in his back. Picking up Norris again, he raced for the water, strapped Norris and another wounded SEAL onto his own body and painfully swam out to sea.

Source: FSH Public Affairs news release.



From left Cole seniors Charissa Kahue and Brandon Childers, lawyers for the prosecution, and JAG attorney Capt. Marcus Cameron wait for the mock trial to begin.



From left Cole seniors Amanda Collyer, David Parker, Alex Meir (defendant), and JAG officer (2nd row) Capt. Lisa Kaiser pose for a victory picture after winning the mock trial case.

**Fort Sam Houston
Independent School District
Weekly Campus Activities
May 17 - 22, 2004**

**Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
Friday, May 21**

- Spirit Day
- DARE Ceremony, 9 a.m.

**Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School
Tuesday, May 18**

- Drum Major Tryouts, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19

- Senior Semester Exams: Periods 2, 5, and 6
- Harlem Renaissance Festival in Mall Area, 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 20

- Senior Semester Exams: Periods 1 and 3

Friday, May 21

- Senior Semester Exams: Periods 4 and 7
- Six Weeks Tests: English and Science

Saturday, May 22

- Junior High Band Performance at Schlitterbahn, TBA
- Baccalaureate Practice at Main Post Chapel, 10 a.m.

Cole students learn from JAG officers

Story and photos by Dr. Gloria Davila
Associate Superintendent

Cole government/economics teacher Jim Hudson uses real life drama to make his instruction relevant to the students in his classes. In observation of the American Bar Association’s Law Week and Law Day, a mock criminal trial was conducted for senior students, faculty, and administrators on May 5. Government class students served as attorneys for the defense and prosecution, witnesses, and jury members. Practicing attorneys from the post Judge Advocate General’s office provided guidance and advice on trial proceedings and questioning techniques.

The criminal case involved a defendant, portrayed by Alex Meir, who was charged with criminal assault. Students David Parker and Amanda Collyer were attorneys for the defense, while Brandon Childers and Charissa Kahue were the prosecutors. Lt. Col. Robb Jefferson, portraying the trial judge, guided the students through the trial process, along with JAG lawyers, Capts. Lisa Kaiser, Marcus Cameron, Kristy Radio and Angela Jones. The jury, Gargett Whitaker, Tasha Carr, Drew Meilinger, Kenneth Simmons, David Talamantes, Ashley Cochran, James McMullin, Kathy Waring, Monique Lane, Peyton Bell and jury foreman Barry Johnson-Rivera voted for the exoneration of the defendant with a 9-3 vote.

“We are extremely grateful the officers from the JAG office provided such a memorable experience to our students. They provided the entire scenario, including witness statements,” stated Hudson. “They also helped to prepare the defense and prosecution attorneys in a two hour session the day before the trial. The students were terribly excited.” “The JAG officer tutoring us commented that the defendant would not be found innocent; so we were prepared to lose this case,” commented David Parker, a senior and one of the defense attorneys. He was delighted to be on the winning side, “We actually won with a 9 to 3 jury decision for acquittal.” Source: FSHISD office

FSHISD Public Meeting to discuss district’s budget

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will hold a public meeting May 27 at 10 a.m. in the Fort Sam Houston Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road, San Antonio, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance, \$ 3,500,000
Interesting and Sinking Fund Balance, \$ 14,000,000
Following the budget meeting, the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting at 11 a.m.

FEAST Homeschool Convention and Fair May 14

Family Educators Alliance of South Texas will hold the 14th annual FEAST Homeschool Convention and

Curriculum Fair on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 at Crossroads Convention Center, I-10 E. and Loop

410 E. The sessions will begin at 9 a.m. on both days.

6th annual IMPACT Olympics for Special Needs Children

Story and photos by Robin Philbrick
IMPACT President

This Saturday, May 15, military special needs children will have the opportunity to earn their own gold medals at the 6th annual IMPACT Olympics. The event takes place at 9 a.m at the pavilion behind Youth Services on Watkins Blvd., off Winans Road, inside the Winans/Harry Wurzbach Gate. Sponsored by the San Antonio Cavaliers, School Age Services and Youth Services, this field day event is highlighted by lots of fun

activities for special needs children. Every child has the opportunity to carry the torch in a symbolic run to kick off the event. Then, to the best of their ability, each IMPACT Olympian will try the basketball shoot, funnel ball, 50-yard dash, Twist & Shout with hula hoops, scooter boards, Putt-Putt golf, mini obstacle course, ring toss and more. The Cole High School drum line will then lead the athletes to the pavilion where awards will be presented to all athletes to celebrate their Olympic achievements. The Cole High School

Choir will also honor the IMPACT Olympians with a special performance. “We look forward to IMPACT Olympics every year,” said Gwen James, whose son Sammy has cerebral palsy and been a member of IMPACT for seven years. “I almost cry when I watch the children go through the stations. You can tell it means a lot to the parents too.” Dan Philbrick, Olympics Chairman for the past four years shares, “After the activities, as chairman, it

has been my pleasure to give out the awards. Every child, regardless of their disability, comes forward to receive medals and trophies. That moment is always very humbling for me, but it is also one of the high points in my year. I am reminded never to take

for granted the talents and abilities that I have. I am proud to be part of an organization that creates opportunities for special needs children to feel like gold medal athletes. For more information, call Youth Services at 221-3502.

6th Annual IMPACT Olympics

A very special event for children and students with special needs

Saturday, May 15, 2004

Fort Sam Houston Youth Services

9-11:30 a.m.

*Registration begins at 8:45
Pre-Register by email at RPhileslie@aol.com
or by calling Youth Services at 221-3502

Torch Run • Field Day Activities • Awards

With a special performance honoring the athletes
by The Cole High School Choir & Drum Line

This IMPACT event is sponsored by the San Antonio Cavaliers, Youth Services and School Age Services. Special thanks to our IMPACT Partners and the Cole Senior High Student Council



Dan Philbrick, IMPACT Partner, encourages Abby Stevens as she competes in last years Ring Toss competition.

Health Promotion Center

May Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Self Care and Health	13	9-11 a.m.
Breastfeeding Support Group	14	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	17	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Arthritis	18	9:30-11 a.m.
Diabetes Education	18	12:45-4:30 p.m.
High Blood Pressure	19	9 a.m. to Noon
Office Yoga	19	Noon to 1 p.m.
Fibromyalgia Treatment Group	19	1-3:30 p.m.
Back Pain	20	2 -3:30 p.m.
Body Fat Testing	21	8-11 p.m.
Introduction to Weight Reduction	21	Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Breastfeeding Support Group	21	1-2:30 p.m.
Diabetes Education	24	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Breast Health	25	9-10 a.m.
Diabetes Education	25	12:45-4:30 p.m.
Breast and GYN Cancer Support Group	25	6-7:30 p.m.
Office Yoga	26	Noon to 1 p.m.
Self Care and Health	27	1-3 p.m.

Note: Appointments for Diabetes Education are scheduled through the Internal Medicine Clinic at 916-0794. Appointments for the Fibromyalgia Treatment Group require a consult to Behavioral Medicine Clinic. To schedule Winning Combination and Introduction to Weight Reduction, call the Nutrition Care Division at 916-5525. To schedule Back Pain, call Physical Therapy at 916-3247.

Focus: LandWarNet equips Soldiers with battlefield information

By Spc. Lorie Jewell
Army News Service

This is the tenth article in a weekly series that examine the 17 Army focus areas outlined by the Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter Schoomaker. This one features “The Network.”

Just as Soldiers need the best equipment and training to be successful on the battlefield, a steady diet of information is just as vital, Army leaders believe.

“Information is power,” said Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Signal Corps and Fort Gordon, Ga. “We want to know things about the battlefield and we want to know things about our enemy on the battlefield. At the same time, we don’t want the enemy to know what we know, or to know things about us.”

Connecting Soldiers to information they need, whenever they need it and wherever they are, is the job of the Network, recently renamed LandWarNet. It’s one of 17 focus areas the Army is emphasizing to win the Global War on Terrorism.

Hicks heads the task force assigned to make recommendations on how best to develop and improve LandWarNet so that it delivers better battle command capabilities to current, future, and joint forces.

The joint aspect is of particular interest, Hicks said.

“We’re not going to war as an Army. We’re going to war with our sailor and airmen friends,” Hicks said. “We must be able to communicate with them without an extra step. We need a system that allows one call.”

Ultimately, the task force wants to see a LandWarNet that gives combatant commanders the same capabilities for accessing information in any location, whether that’s at a desktop computer in their office, in an aircraft, on a vessel at sea, in a vehicle en route to battle or in a post-battle camp, Hicks said.

“We’re working on different ways to get there,” she added.

One of those ways is through the Global Information Grid, or GIG. Hicks described it as scaffolding built up around the globe.

“Communication lines go all over, pulsing through the GIG,” she said. “It services the defense information switch network, or DISN, which is provided by the Defense Information Services Agency.”

Forces can reach into the DISN with satellites and pull information services down to wherever

they are in the world, she explained.

A combination of military and commercial technology powers LandWarNet, with leaders committed to pursuing programs that will enhance it even more.

“Our current IT investment strategy is centered on leveraging the best available commercial technology,” said Col. James Costigan, director of Combat Development at the U.S. Army Signal Center.

Leaders acknowledge that getting the network to the level the task force envisions is an expensive endeavor. Just how much is still being determined.

“We’re talking about an almost clean sweep of the kind of equipment we have now,” Hicks said. “It will take a great deal of money to retool our networks while at war.”

Many leaders believe the Army can’t afford not to make LandWarNet all it can be, however.

“The application of information technology can

enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the processes involved in war fighting,” said Costigan. “Our experimentation with objective force concepts and our real-world experience in OIF shows us this notion is valid. Investing in IT systems to enable war fighting is therefore logical and necessary.”

Medical Brigade battalions host Harlingen and Holmes



(Above) Students are surprised by the realistic, life-like functions of the Human Patient Simulator used as tool during 91W training.

(Right) Maj. Benjamin Henderson, Fifth U.S. Army, greets Holmes High School JROTC students at the Quadrangle on May 5. Henderson provided a history of the quadrangle and spoke about his experiences in the Army. Anderson also visited with JROTC students from Harlingen High School on May 7.

Staff Sgt. Richard Harper escorts more than 100 JROTC students from Holmes High School who spent half their day with the 232nd Medical Battalion staff. The students toured the Situational Training Area and observed initial entry Soldiers participating in training exercises.



Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q salutes troops with complimentary meal

Photos by Esther Garcia



(Above) The weather was perfect for the more than 100 Soldiers who attended the free lunch at Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q on Friday. A sign welcoming the Soldiers to the luncheon was posted on the wall and the outside picnic area was decorated with yellow ribbons and U.S. flags.

(Right) Brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans and soft drinks were the menu as Fort Sam Houston's Soldiers enjoyed a lunch on Friday at Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q. Soldiers were honored for their service during Operation Iraqi and Operation Enduring Freedom.

(Right) Soldiers pose with a Barbeque grill donated by Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q to Fort Sam Houston. The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program will give the grill away during the "Commissary Awareness Tour" competition.

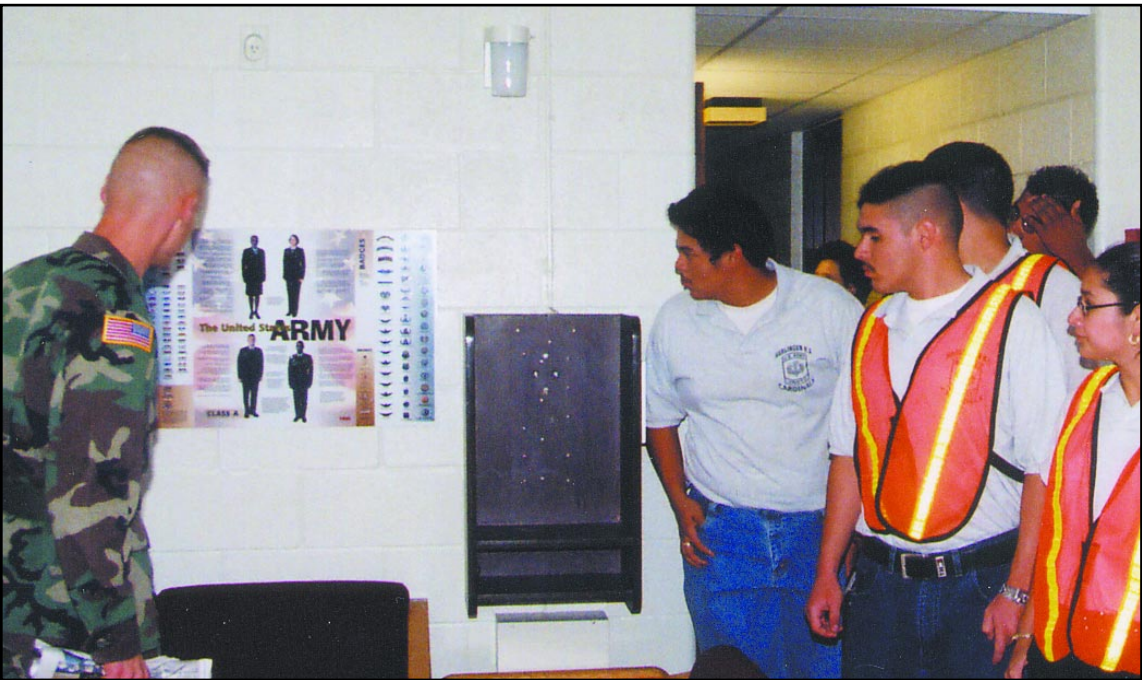


students visiting Fort Sam Houston Soldiers

(Right) Students from Holmes High School watch as the Human Patient Simulator bleeds. Capt. Chad Garrett, 232nd Medical Battalion, demonstrates how the Human Patient Simulator is used as a valuable tool for training because of its life like responses.

(Below) From left, Capt. Todd McNiesh, E Company; Maj. Paul Anderson, battalion executive officer and Capt. James Fox, C Company, welcome retired Lt. Col., Edwin Kellam and Harlingen JROTC students. The battalion provided the cadets a briefing about the mission of the 187th Medical Battalion and the different Medical Operations Specialties that fall under the 187th Medical Battalion.

Photos by Esther Garcia



Harlingen High School students visit Soldiers' living quarters as 187th Medical Battalion Drill Sgt. Dwight Wafford, explains rules Soldiers must follow while they live in the barracks.



Capt. James Fox congratulates Christopher Casey who is interested in Special Operations training. Fox is a Special Forces qualified officer who commands C Company, 187th Medical Battalion.



Staff Sgt. John Warren and 1st Lt. Jim Silverstrim, 232nd Medical Battalion, answer questions from Holmes High School students about their Army experiences, especially deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom.



187th Medical Battalion Drill Sgt. Dwight Wafford marches cadets from Harlingen High School to visit soldiers' living quarters. The cadets learned to move in formation to include posting road guards at intersections.

Youth Happenings

Wanted: Arts and Crafts instructor - Youth Services and School Age Services are looking for an arts and crafts instructor for the summer. This paid position would be for four 50-minute classes Monday through Friday and two 50- minute classes on Saturdays. Ages of the youth range from 6-18 and are all different skill levels. All materials and supplies will be provided but the planning must follow the coordinated schedule of summer camp weeks. If you are interested, call the Youth Center at 221-3502

Aerobics - Youth Services is offering a no cost low impact aerobics class form 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. We will meet in the YS Gym and get in shape for the summer. Parent and kids are invited to attend. For information, call 221-3502.

Teen Summer Discovery Camp - Registration for the Teen Summer Discovery Camp is going on for youth ages 14 and up. This program is for those who are too old for camp and too young to have a job. During this camp, youth will volunteer at a work site two half days and the other day will hike, swim, and travel across South Central Texas.

This volunteer time in a work site provides job experience for each individual. There will be tubing on the Guadalupe River, swimming in Canyon Lake, trips to career interest areas and lots more. The cost for this camp is \$65 per week and includes breakfast, lunch and a snack. For information, call 221-3502.

Cheerleading Clinic - Youth Services will offer a Cheerleading Clinic for girls and

boys ages 9-15 on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, Bldg. 1630. The Clinic is ongoing through July 26. The cost is \$15 per month per person. Registration will be held at the Youth Center. For information, call 221-3502.

’French Fry Friday - Every Friday is French Fry Friday. Fries are \$.50 for an order of seasoned or regular fries. Come on by and eat with us and support the Youth Center.

Exploring Life for Middle School students - Youth Services offers an after school program for Middle School youth grades 6-9. This program is held Monday through Friday after school until 6 p.m. YS will pick the child from the elementary or the Jr./Sr. High School and take the child to the Youth Center, provide a snack, work on homework, participate in clubs and participate in fun innovative projects that include the 4-H club, a photography club, a Computer Tech club and others. Work will include areas of interest that both the parents and the students like. This program is free for youth registered with Child and Youth Services at an annual fee of \$18. For information, call 221-3502

Youth Service Volunteers - YS is always looking for volunteers for

assisting with the youth programs. Coaches, computer skilled people, crafty people and those that just care about kids are needed. If you have a special interest or hobby that you would like to share with kids, you can share it at the Youth Center. For information, call the Youth Center at 221-3502.

Saturday Open Recreation - Open recreation for youth in grades 1-12 is held at the Youth Center on Saturdays. Activities include computer lab, arts and crafts, basketball, pool, ping-pong, movies, and more. Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services to be eligible. For information, call 221-3502. Open recreation hours for youths in grades 1-5, 3-8 p.m.; youths in grades 6-8, 3-10 p.m.; and youths in grades 9-12, 3-11 p.m.

Alternative Dance Classes - Join the Middle School and Teens for Alternative Dance Class Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. Dance types include salsa, hip-hop, and country.

Parents Wanted - Parents are needed at the Youth Center every third Saturday of the month from 6-9 p.m. to join the Youth Center Staff team and play basketball against the teens and middle school students. Parents and staff try to out maneuver the teens and score a few baskets. Come join us in a game or two followed by refreshments.

Tae-Bo - Join the YS staff as they conduct Tae-Bo Classes every Wednesday from 4:30-5 p.m.

Saturday Shuttle - YS offers a Saturday shuttle to and from the Youth Center. There is no cost for this service but parents of children 9 and under must wait for the van and sign them in and out of the van with the YS staff member. The Shuttle schedule is as follows:

- 3 p.m. - Leave the Youth Center
- 3:07 p.m. - Gorgas Circle (picnic tables)
- 3:10 p.m. - Schofield/Dickman on Schofield
- 3:15 p.m. - Reynolds and Dickman on Reynolds
- 3:20 p.m. - Officer’s Club tennis Courts
- 3:25 p.m. - Artillery Post Road at Bus Stop
- 3:30 p.m. - Easley/Infantry Post Bus Stop 660
- 3:42 p.m. - Patch Road (play-ground)
- 3:46 p.m. - Patch Road Shoppette Parking lot
- 3:50 p.m. - Foulouis/Scott Road Harris Heights
- 3:54 p.m. - Forage/Foulouis

The return Shuttle will leave the Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. for those in 5th grade and below. There is also a shuttle that leaves at 9:30 p.m. for those in Middle School and at 10:30 p.m. for those in 9th grade and up. The shuttle service is only for youth who live on Fort Sam Houston.

AFTB Program Instructor Trainer Course

The AFTB Instructor Trainer Course is being offered May 19, 20, and 22. The classes are centered on presentation and facilitation skills. All sessions must be completed to volunteer with the AFTB program as an instructor. These classes are open to anyone interested in improving or developing presentation skills.

Class will be held at the Roadrunner Community Center on May 19 and 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m., and on May 22, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Snacks will be provided for evening classes. Students may bring a sack dinner. Snacks and lunch will be provided on Saturday. For information and to registration, call the AFTB office 221-2705. Registration deadline is May 17.

Child and Youth Services Central Registration offers many services

CYS Parent Advisory Council Meeting, May 18

CYS Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held May 18, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center, 2530 Funston. Lunch will be provided. A Family Advocacy educator will be speaking on child abuse prevention. PAC meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month. This is CYS parents’ opportunity to learn of upcoming events, meet staff and address concerns.

Register for Summer Camp

Summer Camp opportunities for children entering 1st through 5th grade are now available. To register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723. Parents must provide

proof of income, updated shots and physicals. Spaces fill quickly.

3-Day Part Day Preschool Program on hold

- The 3-day Part Day Preschool program has been placed on hold due to lack of enrollment numbers. If you are interested and have questions concerning this program, notify Central Registration to place your name on a list. Fees range from \$151-\$200 per month and will be assessed by calculating total family income.

Family Child Care offers certified childcare

- The FCC home-based childcare for children ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified childcare providers. Types of care are full day, part day, before and after school care, hourly

care, and extended hour care and long-term care. Referral information and child registration are available at Child and Youth Services Central Registration, 221-4871 or 221-1723.

FCC providers sought - The FCC is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers to offer home based childcare. There is a no-cost start up plan. For information, call 221-3820 or 221-3828.

Wait List status - If your child’s name is on the Wait List for full day care at the Child Development Center, check the status of the name on the wait list from the day you complete the form; otherwise your child’s name will be purged from the list.

To check the status, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Instructional classes offered - If you are interested in instructional classes such as Tae Kwon Do, piano or gymnastics, call 221-4882, 221-4871, 221-1723.

After School and Weekend Recreation - School Age Services (1st-5th grade) offers after school and weekend open recreation opportunities and after school hourly care options. Hourly and open recreation must be reserved in advance by calling School Age Services at 221-4466. Children must be registered through Central Registration prior to utilizing the School Age Program. To register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

The FSH Library Summer Reading Program encourages learning

By Susan Artiglia
Special to the News Leader

The Fort Sam Houston

Library will sponsor a Summer Reading Program for children in preschool through eighth grade to encourage children to read during the summer months. This year’s theme is “Color Your World ... Read.” Summer reading helps stop no-summer-

reading loss; it could also mean a reading level gain at the start the next school year. Books can be from any library or home collection, as long as the books are at or above the child’s reading level. Children agree to try to read 10 or more books during the summer in exchange for incentives such as a book bags, book-markers, and theme stickers.

If a child reads 10 or more books, the child receives a certificate and selects a brand new paperback book to keep and enjoy. Children can also keep track of how many pages they read. If they reach 1,000 pages, they receive a T-shirt with a reading theme.

During the 2003 Summer Reading Club, 531 children registered; of these, 213 received prize books and a certificate for reading 10 books or more. An estimated 2,130 books were read and 264 T-shirts were awarded to children reading 1,000 pages or more.

Registrations will be accepted from June 2 through July at the FSH Library, Bldg. 1222, Harney Rd at Chaffee Rd. The library is open Monday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

4th Annual Fisher House Benefit Golf Tournament

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Post worship schedule

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 2200, phone number: (210) 221-2754.

Catholic Services:
4:45-5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays
5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11:30 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

Protestant Services - Sundays:
8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant
11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

Jewish Services: phone numbers: (210) 379-8666 or 493-6660.
Fridays: 8 p.m. - Worship and 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat



Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721, phone numbers: (210) 221-5010 or 221-5432.

Catholic Services - Sundays:
12:30 p.m. - Bilingual Mass

Protestant Services:
5:30 p.m. - Contemporary Protestant - Sundays
10:30 a.m. - Collective Gospel Protestant - Sundays
9:30-11:30 a.m. - Women’s Bible Study (PWOC) -



Wednesdays, childcare is provided

AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Bldg. 1398, phone number: (210) 221-4362.

Troop Catholic Mass: Sundays:
10 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

Troop Protestant Gospel Services:
Sundays:
11:30 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

Troop Protestant Service:
9 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

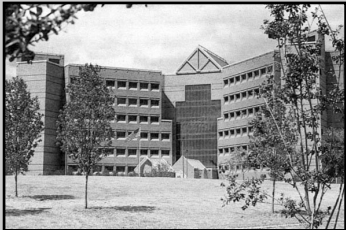


FSH Mosque, Bldg. 607A, phone numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007.
1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays
10:30 a.m. - Children’s Religious Education - Sundays
7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education - Thursdays

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Bldg. 3600, phone number: (210) 916-1105.

Catholic Services:
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11:15 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
11 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

Protestant Services:
10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays
Noon - Worship - Wednesdays



232nd Medical Battalion Classroom, Bldg. 1380, phone numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007. **Mormon Services:**
10:30 a.m. - Sundays

Web site:
www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain

Harlequin Dinner Theatre cast and crew receive FORSCOM awards

Story by Florence Buntен
Special to the News Leader

A ceremony was held April 28 to recognize Fort Sam Houston’s own Harlequin Dinner Theatre’s achievements in the international U.S. Army Forces Command Festival of the Performing Arts.

Col. Garry Atkins, U.S. Army Garrison commander, presented awards to volunteers, contractors and representatives of the Harlequin Dinner Theatre for acting, costumes, directing, set, and lighting and over all production.

Achievements recognized included:

Scott Kirfman for outstanding cameo performance.

Ayn Phillips, second place for actress in a supporting role.

Carl Harrison Rush, second place for actor in a supporting role.

Renee Garvens, second place for actress in a leading role.

Lynn Utley, first place for actor in a leading role.
Don Patterson, first place for directing.

Bruce E. Shirky and William C. Champlin, first place for set and lighting.

Yvette Oakes, first place for costume design.
“Beau Jest” for outstanding production of a play.

The entire cast and crew of “BEAU JEST” were lauded by Harlequin artistic Director Bruce E. Shirky, who said, “This recognition is due to the remarkable dedication of the many volunteers who so generously give of their time and talent, both in the production and behind the scenes to bring quality community theatre to the Fort Sam Houston community.” The Harlequin is currently celebrating its 29th season.

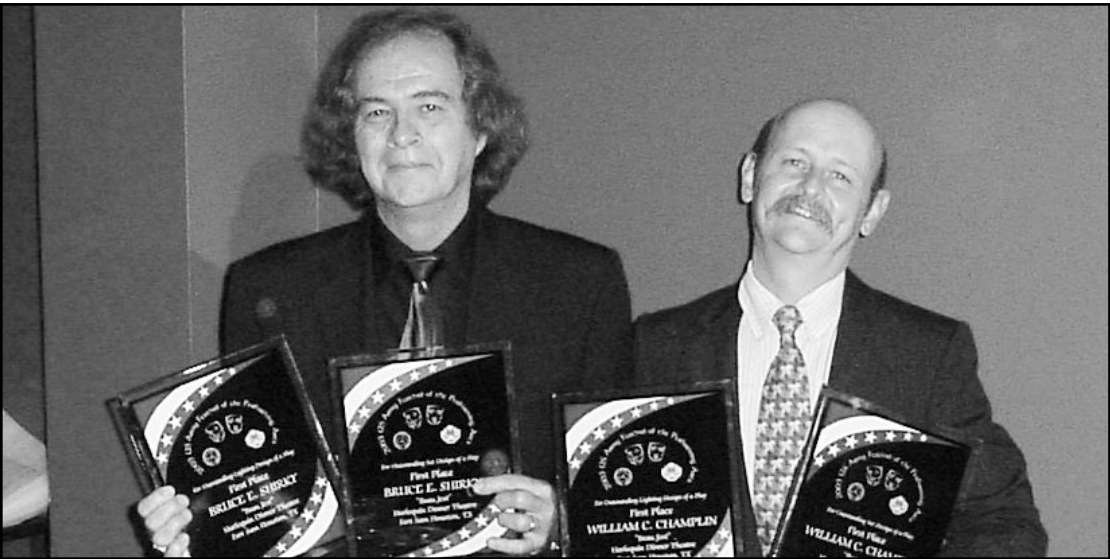


Photo by Chris Champlin

Bruce Shirky (left) and Chris Champlin proudly show the awards presented to the Harlequin Dinner Theatre during the FORSCOM Festival of Performing Arts. The Harlequin has won the “Best in Festival” award for the past five years.

Special Musical Event Grace Notes

Sunday, May 16, 2004

Praise, Traditional, and Contemporary Christian music
Living Waters Fellowship

At 5:30 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel.

For more information, call Chaplain Duke at 221-0266 or Chaplain Conner at 221-6140.



FSH Newcomers’ Extravaganza set for May 25

Fort Sam Houston residents, especially newcomers to the Fort Sam Houston community are invited to the Newcomers’ Extravaganza May 25 at 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797 on Stanley Road.

This Extravaganza is the official “Newcomers’ Orientation” for newly assigned personnel to Fort Sam Houston. Everyone—Soldiers, civilians, and family members—will have an opportunity to learn about Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio and participate in drawings, registrations, and social activities.

Attendance to the Newcomers’ Extravaganza is mandatory for all permanent party in processing Soldiers in the rank of lieutenant colonel and below within 60 days of their arrival at FSH. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to allow Soldiers and civilian employees administrative time to attend. Children are welcome and strollers are available along with special treats.

For additional information, call the Army Community Service Relocation Program at 221-2705 or 221-2418.

Blood is the fluid of life

The BAMC Blood Bank is running critically low of O Negative blood.

Akeroyd Blood Donor Center is reaching out to you for your support to accomplish a mission for life.

Contact the Donor Center to lend a helping hand. To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.



USO San Antonio ‘Walk for the Troops’ rescheduled

The USO’s “Walk for the Troops” originally scheduled for May 1 was cancelled due to rain. However, the USO is still looking for a few good men and women to take part in the 2nd annual walk for the Troops rescheduled for May 22, 8 to 11 a.m. at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. Both, individuals and teams are encouraged to participate. Registration cost is \$10 and includes refreshments and an event T-shirt. Participants may pre-register by calling the USO, or register on the morning of the event between 7 and 8 a.m.

Each year the USO serves more than 104,800 military personnel all across the United States, providing all branches of

service with assistance, from family support to entertainment. The USO Council of San Antonio and central Texas is a non-profit organization that depends on the generosity of United Way/CFC campaigns, individual, civic and corporate donations. To find out more information about donating to the USO, visit www.alamouso.org. Proceeds from the walk will be used to fund USO

programs for our military personnel and their families in the San Antonio and central Texas area. For more information or to

pre-register, call the USO at (210) 227-9373, extension 14, or e-mail loriivy-marx@alamouso.org.

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Community events

Alamo Logistics Officer Association to hold Golf Tournament May 14

The Alamo Logistics Officer Association will hold a Scholarship Golf Tournament at the FSH Golf Club on May 14. Cost is \$55 for civilians, \$50 for military. Fee includes golf cart, drinks and dinner at the clubhouse. Proceeds go toward college scholarship. For information, call Wade Cornelius at 652-3121 or 652-7152, Sam Ulmer at 671-4330, or Debbie Byrd at 928-5166.

O.P. Schnabel City Park Walk, May 15

The Trinity Trekkers volksmarch club will host a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) and optional 5 kilometer walk on Saturday, May 15 at O.P. Schnabel Park at the intersection of Bandera Road and Braun Road in northwest San Antonio. For more information, call David Toth 210-521-8684 or e-mail dntoth@sbcglobal.net.

Historic Clarksville Walk, May 15 and 16

The Colorado River Walkers volksmarch club will host a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) and optional 5 kilometer walk on May 15 and 16 starting at the Hartland Bank Building at 1717 W. 6th St, Austin, Texas. The walk will be in the historic old Austin neighborhoods of Clarksville and Enfield. For more information, call at Kathy Daly at 512-837-8966 or email at KassieD544@aol.com or check out the club's Web site at www.io.com/~zenteer/crw/.

OCSC Luncheon, May 18

The Officers and Civilian Spouses Club will host a luncheon May 18, 11 a.m. the FSH Officers' Club. The event will feature installation of new officers and the announcement of the Welfare and Scholarship awards. To RSVP by May 14 call Brenda Hebron at 444-0259.

Downtown San Antonio Walks, May 22

The Trinity Trekkers Volksmarch Club will host two 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and optional 5-kilomter walk on Saturday, may 22 starting at San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza in downtown San Antonio. For information call David Toth at (210) 521-8684 or e-mail dntoth@sbcglobal.net.

Auditions for 'Catfish Moon' at the Harlequin May 24-25

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold open auditions on May 24-25 for "Catfish Moon," a comedy by Laddy Sartin. Auditions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. both nights with Bruce E. Shirky directing. There are roles for three men and one woman. Other volunteers are needed as assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Those who come to auditions should enter FSH through the Walters Street gate. Performances will be Wednesday through Saturday evenings from July 7 through Aug. 7. For information, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694.

Flagpole rededication ceremony at Brackenridge Park, May 29

A flagpole rededication ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 29 at 9 a.m. at the North St. Mary's Street entrance to Brackenridge Park. VFW Post 76, the Veterans of Greater San Antonio Area, and the City Parks Department will sponsor the ceremony. The color guard of the 141st Infantry Regiment will hoist the flag to half-staff. A master bugler will sound taps. Point of contact for the event is Ed Frazer, (210) 681-5353 or emfrazer2@aol.com.

Health Protection Conference returns to New Mexico, Aug. 9-12

The Seventh Annual Force Health Protection Conference will return to the Albuquerque, N.M., Convention Center Aug. 9-12, with pre-conference sessions set for Aug. 6-8. For information and registration, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site conference link at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/fhp/>.

Volunteer

Cultural Homestay International seeks host families

Cultural Homestay International, a non-profit educational exchange program, has many exchange students waiting to be placed with host families for the upcoming school year. Ideal families should be willing to open their home to the world and accept a new culture into their life. To volunteer, contact Ruth Chislett, CHI Academic Coordinator, at (210) 862-2711 or (800) 777-5724. To learn more about CHI, visit www.chinet.org.

USAWOA seeks volunteers for Habitat for Humanity

Members of the Lone Star Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer's Association will volunteer at the Habitat for Humanity worksite in San Antonio on Saturday, May 15, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, call Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Watterson at 295-8773 or e-mail matthew.watterson@us.army.mil or call Randy Blackburn at 391-4696 or e-mail cw3blackburn@aol.com for details. All members (age 14 and over) of the FSH Community are invited to participate, regardless of rank, status or membership in the USAWOA.

SHARE High School Exchange program seeks host families

The Educational Resource Development Trust/SHARE High School ExchangeProgram, a non-profit educational foundation seeks host families for exchange students. The students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and will arrive in Texas in August to attend local high schools for the 2004-2005 school year. They are screened, academically prepared, and English speaking when they arrive. Students are also covered by medical insurance and bring their own spending money for personal expenses. Families provide a bed, meals and a caring home and review applications to select the student they feel best matches their family. For information, call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Regional Office Toll free at 1-800-941-ERDT (3738) or visit the Web site at www.sharesouthwest.org.

Education

Sponsorship Program Training, May 20

The Army Community Service conducts quarterly Sponsorship Training to assist commanders and leaders at all levels to have Soldiers well trained and ready to assume duties as a sponsor. The Sponsorship Training is scheduled for May 20, 2 - 3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. For reservations, call ACS Relocation Program Manager at 221-2418.

FMEA offers resume workshop, May 19

Family Member Employment Assistance is offering a Resume workshop on Wednesday, May 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations are required and seating is limited to family members of active duty service members, retired service members and current DoD civilians. For information, call Pat Forry at 221-2705.

DMRTI to host course June 21-25

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute will host the Homeland Security Medical Executive Course at the Hilton Austin Airport in Austin, Texas. Course information is available at www.dmrti.army.mil.

Tuition assistance available for active duty Soldiers

Tuition assistance for active duty Soldiers is \$4,500 per

fiscal year with a cap of \$250 per semester hour to include fees. The current policy of \$4,500 per year is still in effect for the U.S. Army in fiscal year 2004. Soldiers will need a degree plan from the university or college they are attending no later than completion of nine semester hours. This is a regulatory requirement that must be complied with prior to continuing in any college program. Visit the Army Continuing Education System, Bldg. 2248, to review educational goals with a professional guidance counselor. For information, call 221-1738.

SkillSoft has new On-line Technical Support Portal

SkillSoft has a new On-Line Technical Support Portal. Users can now go to <http://onlinesupport.skillssoft.com> and click on "create a case." Once the information request is complete, an e-mail will be sent with a password and case number. When this is established, the user can go in and track their case. This is in addition to the regular support desk at support@skillssoft.com.

Direct commissioning program available

The U.S. Army Health Care Recruiting Team is looking for qualified applicants for their direct commissioning program. Anyone working toward a bachelors' degree in any science, nursing, physics, nutrition or engineering may qualify to become an Army officer. The program is open to active duty, reserve, National Guard and civilians. For information, call Capt. Beverly S. Scott at 692-7376, (877) 570-8053 or e-mail Beverly.Casiano@usarec.army.mil.

ACES announces new hours

Army Continuing Education System, Bldg. 2248, 2408 N. New Braunfels, announces new hours of operations: Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4:15 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to noon and 1-3:45 p.m. The center is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Have your registration information and cost when requesting tuition assistance. Also have a Degree Plan from the school you plan to attend. Guidance Counselors are: Jane Moon, 221-1373, Richard Rodriguez, 221-1429, Hazel Rockeymoore, 221-1634. Reception Desk, 221-1738. Army Learning Center, Clarence Prevo, 221-1117.

Meetings

USAWOA - Lone Star Chapter meetings

The Lone Star Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at VFW Post #8541, 2222 Austin Highway (between Eisenhower and Walzem Road). All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard and family members of current or former Warrant Officers are invited to attend. For information, call WO2 Matthew Watterson at 295-8773 or e-mail matthew.watterson@us.army.mil.

Purple Heart veterans sought

Purple Heart Veterans are invited to join the meeting of Military Order of the Purple Heart on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center to learn more about combat related entitlements and claims benefits. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring your DD For 214 and a short biography.

FSH Sergeants Major Association seeks new members

The Fort Sam Houston Sergeants Major Association meets every third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. in the FSH NCO Club. Sgt. Maj. Hector Viczaino, president of the association, extends a cordial invitation to all Active Duty and retired command sergeants major, sergeants major and master sergeants on the promotion list from all service branches to attend the meetings. For information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Sampson Rush at 221-4129.

Calling all single Soldiers to join BOSS

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of every month, 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldier input to the commander, who uses the committee's recommendations to improve single Soldiers' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For information, call BOSS President Staff Sgt. Edward Castro at 221-8760.

Fort Freebies



Freebies are published on a first come, first serve basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, call Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail to: news.leader@samhouston.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Ensure your military/Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appears on request. Limit of five items per entry.

For Sale: Yamaha Tenor Saxophone, \$2,000; 10-in-1 complete home woodworking shop with accessories, \$2,000. Call 355-4330.

For Sale: Weider Pro 9400 2-station gym set, \$250;Kettler Elliptical Trainer w/LED console/cup holder \$150; 15” Compaq Presario color monitor, MV700, with 2 speakers, \$125; large oak color dining room rectangular table with leaf, \$50; Cat post set with 2 posts and platforms, new, blue carpeted, \$10. Call (210) 224-8636.

For Sale: 1997 Grand Am 72K miles, Spoiler, \$3,800. Call 650-4174.

For Sale: Boston Terrier pup, \$350; Boston Terrier female seal, \$495; 1/2 sch-1/2 pug pup \$75; Chow, housebroken, shots, \$250;Yorkie female pup, housebroken, shots, \$950; doghouses and more. Call 633-3859.

For Sale: Patio glass table, \$15; carpet runners (fit Artillery Post quarters) 25 ft., \$40, 30 ft., \$45; computer desk and shelves unit, \$90; student desk, \$20. Call 299-1179.

For Sale: Huge fence located in Infantry Post, asking \$250; large dog run \$100; Crape Myrtle trees in pots, some with white flowers and some with pink and two other variety of trees also in post \$20 each; Dog Shepherd mix has all shots free to a good home; Various children’s toys and clothes. Call 223-9262.

For Sale: Grey sectional couch, \$150 obo; 15-gallon fish tank, \$20; Aluminum Jon boat with trailer, \$650; Whirlpool dryer, \$100; large water fountain w/pump, \$150. Call 829-8795.

For Sale: GE washing machine, new in box, \$250; Magic Chef microwave, new in box, \$45; Armstrong vinyl flooring (12 ft. wide by 25 ft. long) no glue required, \$150; medium brown carpet (12 ft. by 8 ft.) \$40. Call 659-5781.

For Sale: King size waterbed with reduced motion mattress and padded rails, headboard and heater, \$45 obo. Call 421-0555.

For Sale: 2000 Ford Van, Eclipse-conversion, 91K miles, V-8, TV, VCR, duel stereo, headphones, new brakes, silver with tan interior, \$12,500 obo. Call (210) 637-1115.

Wanted: Moving boxes. Call 650-4174.

Yard Sale: May 14 and 15,7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2965 White Pine Dr. (Green Shield, Subdivision) in Shertz. Items for sale include baby crib and toys, lady bags, shoes, bed in a bag, luggage, fan, and much more.

For Rent: Two bedrooms, two-bath mobile home, no deposit, \$500 per month. Available June 1. Call 421-0555.

Career Clips



The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Bldg. 2264 or call 221-1213.

Wellness Director - San Antonio. Responsible for scheduling, supervising, training, and ensuring delivery of quality resident care in a social environment. Assigns and monitors resident services tasks.

Counterintelligence Analyst - San Antonio. Provide the analysis and integration of complex intelligence issues for senior clients in a national intelligence agency. Develop concepts, approaches, and strategies to integrate the resources of an intelligence community agency to solve national securities issues.

Senior Director Pharmacovigilance and Safety - San Antonio. Responsible for ensuring drug safety and pharmacovigilance. Have a working knowledge of GCP, FDA, and European regulations regarding safety reporting.

Resumix workshop for U.S. Army Garrison employees

Accessing Resumix workshop will be held May 18, 8-9:15 a.m. Attendance is by reservation only and limited to eight per class. For information or registration, call 221-2276.

‘Market Yourself for a Second Career’ Seminar, May 19

The ACAP Center is sponsoring the “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career” seminar presented by retired Col. Dick Crampton, Military Officers Association of America, on May 19, 9-11:30 a.m. at Evans Auditorium.

The presentation is appropriate for anyone preparing to leave active duty or federal service in the next five years. It is not just for officers. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Each attendee will receive a copy of the booklet entitled “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career.” The presentation and booklet are provided free of charge.

Reservations are not required. For information, call the ACAP Center at 221-1213.